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**The War Upon the Administration.**

Notices were sent home, a very short time ago, it was charged upon us Democrats, and all others who were accused of not yielding a hearty support to every measure of the Administration, that they were guilty of "disloyalty and of 'sympathy with the rebels,'" in not supporting the Government in its struggle to maintain itself and preserve the Union.

When we said we were loyal to the Government, though we did not approve of every act of President Lincoln and his advisers, we were bluntly told that this admission marked us traitors and "sympathizers with the South," for opposition to the Administration was opposition to the Government, inasmuch as the Administration for the time being was the Government.

Now, would reader, according to this logic, who are at the present moment disloyalists and "sympathizers with the Southern rebels?" The very men who, one, two and three months ago, were the fiercest in denouncing others for not supporting the Administration in all its acts, and demanding that their journals should be suppressed, and themselves seized and imprisoned, or hung up with hemp cords around their necks as "high as Haman."

We held up each logical and unjust denunciation as proof positive of a false and hypocritical patriotism! It has shown itself such in a much shorter time than we expected. But it is really nothing strange. We all know how quickly mountain torrentes that splash and foam in a summer shower, run themselves dry.

The danger to the Government and the Union is as great as it has been. Threatened with foreign aggression, it may be said to be even greater. But now those journalists, lately so zealous in the support of the Administration, and so uncompromisingly hostile toward all who manifested the least sympathy of opposition, are launching their thunderbolts against that very Administration. Each member of the Cabinet in his turn comes in for a share of their vituperation, and the Administration condemned as a whole. It is even suspected of favoring a "treacherous compromise" and wishing at "a dissolution of the Union."

Now, we ask the intelligent reader, if this course of the journals and men now making war upon the Administration is not, according to their own reasoning, a short time since, opposing the Government, and affording "aid and comfort to the enemy?" They set themselves up to instruct your readers. Nor is there any special news—only that Gen. McClellan is moving along with every available force, and I dare say that the people of this region have fully adopted the opinions of their Western brethren in their universal confidence in the General. But a question arises in my mind whether this unbounded confidence is not having rather an injurious effect. The public will not be much, and therefore do less.

The enemy are falling back on Manassas, where they evidently intend giving battle, and where they will bring their immense army of from two hundred thousand to two hundred and fifty thousand men. General McClellan is said to any, however, that any official word he may say be strong enough for this one. The country at large overestimates his forces here on the Potomac, and that of itself will embolden him. This must not be. The Government, in my opinion, does not appreciate this condition of things, and that the impatience of the people, who do not understand this, Gen. McClellan is now on the other side of the Potomac, and if a sufficient number of troops are furnished him speedily to win the confidence that the nation will be satisfied to remain quiet.

We of the West are impatient that something should be done. Can we not readily believe that the General is quite anxious, and can we not readily see that with his general information he knows quite as well as we do as to the proper time to advance? You may advise your readers that the time has not come, and perhaps will not for some weeks, but when it does you will note out proper prophecies to the "Buckeyes" here, George McClellan, who, after all, is born here, in the State, was nurtured here, and made here Major-General. Henceforth he patient, but insist through your valuable paper that the Government cannot do too much in placing at his disposal as many men as can be raised. There is no question but that Jeff Davis knows full well that his only hope is in gaining this grand battle. If he succeeds, the recognition of the Southern Confederacy is settled, and thus further controversy useless; therefore his grand effort will be to Virginia. Should McClellan be beaten in this fight, he will be reinforced, and will endeavor to rally his army, and then there will be no retreat—no "hacking down;" if there be reinforcements, the war will be over.

The Republicans have virtually disbanded their forces, at least for the present; and the Democratic party, having in every State taken strong ground in support of the Union, is enabled, by its ancient prestige, to attract its former members, while it is recognized as the representative of the Conservative and Slaveholding sentiment. No other organization exists to which men of these sentiments can attach themselves, and unless a new party is created from the Conservative wing of the Republicans, it is not unlikely that the old Democratic machine may again take the lead in the country. Nor would it be surprising, since the old issues of Slavery-extension are laid aside, to find that party uniting all Conservative men as the firm supporters of the present Administration in the prosecution of the war against all sorts of enemies to the Union.

17 We publish the following from the *Astabula Sentinel*, the organ of the true Republicans of the State. The reader will find some truths in it. It clearly shows where the reliable Republicans—the men who made the party—stand:

## THE STATE ELECTION.

The election is now past full two weeks, and the returns are not all in by any means. Enough is heard, however, to give us a general idea of the State ticket. The "F" and the "U" candidates are elected from 50 to 60,000 majority. This is an extraordinary result—not because of the large majority, but from the fact that it is an extraordinarily large majority upon a very small vote, polled without a spark of enthusiasm on the part of the people. The issue made up by the politicians was a manufactured one, and so purely artificial as to be virtually no issue at all. There was but one ride to the people of Ohio are in the Union, and it was sheer nonsense to say that they were voting all out. They were accustomed to vote all together, and from the force of habit they voted as they had been accustomed to. It was no time to organize a new party; and the people have scarcely recognized the attempt, while they have not acted under the new programme with any feeling of interest. The Democracy did not vote for Jewett any more from a spirit of opposition to the Union than they voted for their State ticket last fall. Nor were those who voted for the "Union" party, actuated by devotion to the Union, but they were when they voted against one another a year ago. The same action as it followed, is a reiteration whatever of a devotion to the Union, because Union men voted on opposite sides this year as they do at every State election. Important issues were set aside, such might have been settled now, and are postponed to disturb us in the future. And this majority of sixty thousand might have been obtained for the Republicans as for the "Union" party, which is in effect nothing but the Republicans party, robbed of its name and of its power.

The result as far as the Legislature is not yet known, though it is supposed to be "Union" in both branches, with the Senate made up of old Republicans.

REPORT OF ENGLISH ENTHUSIASM ON THE SOUTH.—Sir James Ferguson and Mr. Bourke, the two English enthusiasts who have just returned from the rebel State, take their departure for England to stay in the "Asia." From the language which they have held since they have left the South there can be no doubt as to the object of their mission, or as to the results they will make on their return home. They say that the South is united as one man in its determination, not to yield an inch, either to the Union, and that as yet all resources, both in men and money, are at the North. Of course statements of this kind coming from men occupying the position of these gentlemen, will be taken by the generalities of English people as authentic, but we stop here to question the motives with which their mission was undertaken, or the amount to which it is to be turned.—*N. Y. Herald*.

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